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SUBJECT: PROPOSED INTERIM LEGISLATION ON DEEP SEABED MINING  
AND 200-MILE FISHERIES ZONE

REF: STATE 193107

1. GON HAS CLOSELY CONSULTED WITH AND SUPPORTED USG POLICY ON  
LOS. IN ORDER TO REINFORCE THIS RELATIONSHIP, EMBASSY HOPES THAT  
WE WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT AND INFORM APPROPRIATE  
NICARAGUAN OFFICIALS BEFORE THE U.S. TAKES NEW INITIATIVES IN THIS  
AREA SUCH AS PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION DESCRIBED IN REFTTEL.

2. ALTHOUGH THE GON ESTABLISHED A 200 NAUTICAL MILE QUOTE  
NATIONAL FISHING ZONE END QUOTE IN A 1965 DECREE FOR PURPOSES  
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OF BETTER CONSERVATION OF FISHING RESOURCES, IT HAS NEVER PRECISELY

DEFINED THE NATURE OF ITS CLAIMED JURISDICTION. INSTEAD IT HAS MAINTAINED A LARGELY FLEXIBLE POSITION PENDING AN INTERNATIONAL CONSENSUS. THIS POSITION IS FACILITATED BY THE WORDING OF THIS YEAR'S NEW CONSTITUTION WHICH LAYS CLAIM TO MARINE AREAS QUOTE THAT CORRESPOND TO IT IN DOMINION AND SOVEREIGNTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW END QUOTE.

3. SINCE NICARAGUAN FIRMS DO NOT HAVE CAPABILITY FOR DEEP SEABED MINING, PROPOSED U.S. LEGISLATION ON THIS SUBJECT IS NOT LIKELY TO PROVOKE UNILATERAL GON ACTION TO ENACT SIMILAR MEASURE. HOWEVER, CURRENT HIGH INTEREST IN NICARAGUA IN LOS MATTERS STIMULATED BY CARACAS CONFERENCE AND RECENT OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION EFFORTS ON NICARAGUAN CONTINENTAL SHELF WOULD ASSURE THAT ANY LEGISLATION CONCERNING LOS PASSED BY THE U.S. WOULD BE WIDELY PUBLICIZED. THIS PUBLICITY WOULD IN TURN TEND TO UNDERMINE RESTRAINT GON HAS SHOWN IN RECENT YEARS IN NOT TAKING UNILATERAL LOS ACTIONS.

4. WHILE DEEP SEABED MINING ISSUE IS OF MARGINAL IMPORTANCE TO GON, PROPOSED 200-MILE FISHERIES BILL TOUCHES A POINT OF DIRECT INTEREST TO NICARAGUA IN VIEW OF ITS CONCERN OVER PROTECTION OF FISH RESOURCES FROM JAMAICAN EXPLOITATION (CARACAS 6949). PROPOSED 200-MILE FISHERIES BILL IF PASSED COULD VERY EASILY RESULT IN GON ENACTING COMPARABLE LEGISLATION WHICH MORE PRECISELY SETS FORTH ITS CLAIMS. THIS WOULD BE ESPECIALLY LIKELY IF OTHER LA STATES TAKE SUCH UNILATERAL ACTION.  
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